Receiver Robert Sillen requests permission to file a motion for an order or orders to implement the recommendations that he made at the conclusion of his Overcrowding Report, filed herein on May 15, 2007. In addition, the Receiver requests that the Court set a briefing and, if necessary, hearing schedule in connection with the motion.

A. The Receiver Requests Permission To File A Motion For An Order Or Orders Implementing His Recommendations.

On February 15, 2007, in connection with plaintiffs' motion to empanel a three-judge court to consider a cap on the State prison population, this Court ordered the Receiver to submit a report setting forth "his best assessment of the manner, and extent to which, overcrowding is interfering with his ability to successfully remedy the constitutional violations" in the State prison health care system. Order, dated Feb. 15, 2007, p. 4. The Receiver did so.

At the conclusion of his lengthy and detailed Report, the Receiver made three recommendations to the Court:

- 1. That, within 15 days, Defendants be required to submit a report to this Court and to the courts in the *Armstrong*, *Coleman* and *Perez* cases, pertaining to "all aspects of the [proposed] 'infill' project, *including all studies and expert reports* that have been conducted" as they relate to whether sufficient clinical space and other support services have been factored into proposed construction plans;
- 2. That the Court issue an Order to Show Cause requiring the Defendants, within 15 days, to state why the Receiver should not be given "direct oversight over the CDCR's correctional officer recruitment and hiring program;" and,
- 3. That the Court require Defendants to submit a Plan of Action describing how they intend to "address the serious correctional problems afflicting the CDCR" so that the various remedial plans affecting the prison health care system will be placed in the context of a more all-encompassing reform plan.

Following submission of the Report, additional information pertaining to overcrowding and its impact on the Receiver's ability to fulfill his duties came to light. For example, the CDCR is in the process of a major "mission change" at the California Rehabilitation Center

("CRC"), the result of which will be that all 600 female prisoners will be transferred to various facilities around the State and the CRC will become an all-male Level II facility. Similarly, plans are in the works to convert the Sierra Conservation Center ("SCC") Level III facility into a Sensitive Needs Yard Level III facility. This change will result in the movement in or out of roughly 2000 prisoners. These two developments exemplify the mission changes and "yard flips" that the Receiver discussed in his Overcrowding Report and which are seriously interfering with his ability to undertake effective and timely implementation of his remedial plans. *See* Report, pp. 17-18, 29.

These and other significant recent developments in the State's response to the overcrowding crisis will have a substantial, negative impact on the Receiver's ability to comply with the mandate this Court has given him. As such, the Receiver believes that it is important that he have the opportunity to bring the facts to this Court's attention and to explain why he believes these new developments, together with the evidence in his Overcrowding Report, support his recommendations.

The Receiver had intended merely to file a supplemental report detailing this new and important information. But, in the interim, both plaintiffs and defendants filed supplemental briefing in connection with the motion for appointment of a three-judge panel in which they each briefly addressed the Receiver's recommendations. Plaintiffs expressed support for the Receiver's first recommendation that defendants submit an "infill" report and that the Court issue an order to that effect. Pltfs. Supp. Brief, filed May 29, 2007, p. 14. Plaintiffs suggested, however, that the Receiver be required to file a motion with respect to his other two recommendations on the grounds that they were "not directly related to the population cap issue" pending before the Court. Id., p. 15. For their part, defendants effectively request this Court to reject the Receiver's recommendations. Defs. Supp. Brief, p. 9.

After considering the matter further, the Receiver believes that plaintiffs' suggestion has merit and that the Receiver should file a separate motion for an order or orders implementing his recommendations. This will give the Receiver and the parties an opportunity to brief the issues

fully and for the Court to address the recommendations head on. Therefore, the Receiver requests permission to bring such a motion.

## B. The Receiver Requests That The Court Issue A Scheduling Order With Respect To The Motion

Although the Receiver made his recommendations in the Overcrowding Report, which was filed at the Court's request in connection with the motion for a three-judge panel, the Receiver believes that consideration should be given to his recommendations without regard to the disposition of the three-judge panel motion. His recommendations relate to *Plata*-specific issues that he believes should be addressed independently of plaintiff's request for a population cap. Accordingly, the Receiver requests that this Court set a date by which his requested motion must be filed and a briefing schedule specifically with respect to it. In addition, the Court may wish to set a hearing on a matter of such significance.

## **CONCLUSION**

For all the foregoing reasons, the Receiver requests permission to file a motion for an order or orders implementing the recommendations that he made at the conclusion of his Overcrowding Report and requests that the Court set a briefing and, if necessary, hearing schedule in connection with such motion.

Dated: May 31, 2007

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